

# *Sports News Roundup May 09*

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## Badminton

Current Pan-American Men's Singles champion, Cuban Osleni Guerrero, will headline a packed cast of international players who will visit Trinidad and Tobago for this nation's first-ever International Badminton Tournament which serves off at the Eastern Regional Indoor Sporting Arena, Tacarigua, from May 20th-24th.

Guerrero is no stranger to the local circuit; however, since he and several other members of the Cuban team visited the twin-island republic in February last year to conduct a 3-week training camp alongside some of TT's most promising talents.

The experienced player is now ranked 57th on the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings and is expected to be one of the keenest and favored contenders for the Men's Singles crown at the coming tourney. Earlier this year, Guerrero finished 8th at the Peru International Championships is hoping to better that performance at the inaugural meet.

Some of the contesting countries for this tournament are Israel, Mauritius, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Jamaica, Turkey, Mexico, Italy, Cuba, USA, Belgium, Peru and Czech Republic while several other visiting players, ranked within the current BWF top-100, will intent on making a lasting impression at this unique competition.

## Boxing

The World Championship of Boxing, convened from October 5th to 18th in the capital of Qatar, will bring together 260 contestants, including 50 emerged from the qualifying tournament of the American continent. The competition for this region will take place from May 15th to 22nd in Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, and will grant 5 tickets for each of the 10 divisions, ratified the international association.

The entity will also grant another 90 berths to Europe, 66 to Asia, 30 to Africa, 18 to Oceania as well as 6 to a system of "wild card" seeking to ensure the level of the contest that will be qualifier for the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro'16.

Cuba aims to guarantee its presence in all categories and conquer a title they have not won since Mianyang'05.

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